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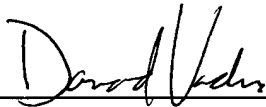
Claims 1 to 16, 23 to 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 41, and 43 to 75 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 23, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 40 are independent. Claims 14, 15, 32, 34, 70 and 71 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Consideration of the documents cited in the July 14, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the document cited therein as well.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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